

# THE AUTO SHOW LOCAL

Thumb-Nail Sketches of Little Happenings in Connection With the Convention Hall Exhibit.

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**Anxious Female Visitor.**—Could you please tell me how many different accessories there are on exhibition?

**Chiff Long** (after answering many other questions)—Eight thousand and four.

**A. F. V.**—You don't say so?

**C. L.**—Well, my dear lady, if you don't believe it you can count them.

**Is demonstrating a machine a business or a disease?**

One who would like to have a machine—What is the difference between the Maxwell runabout and the Packard limousine?

**Sam Luttrell**—Half the length of the hall.

(This is a joke and it is not on Johnny Thomas.)

**Dave Hendrick**—What are those aeroplanes for?

**Chad Hunter**—Why, my dear Dave, they make people soar.

**D. H.**—Oh!

If the northern end of the hall were at the southern end, it would be easier for people to get in.

**George Williamson**—Why don't these autos run?

**Elliott Hough**—George, they are tired.

**Joe Stoddard**—Have you seen Pierce?

**"Mac" Woodward**—Pierce who?

**J. S. Pierce**—Arrow. Haw! Haw! Haw!

**T. Jones**—Triangle cigars of F. and M. Maxwell, of the Hudson factory, made a big hit last night. The boys are hoping it will be around every evening during show week.

While the aeroplanes were being suspended yesterday afternoon one of the aviator exhibitors kicked because his machine was being hung too high.

"Don't worry, old chap," replied Manager Johnson, "that's as high as your machine will ever get."

Two interesting show visitors last night were George W. Wheeler and Harry Wheeler, who drove down from Pittsburgh in a Simplex car. Welcome to our city, George and Harry.

**Fred Vanderhoof** had to close the Philadelphia show in order to let "Brownie" Spence have the Oakland roadster that is attracting so much attention. Wonder how much the latter had to buy at the Bellevue-Stratford to get this car?

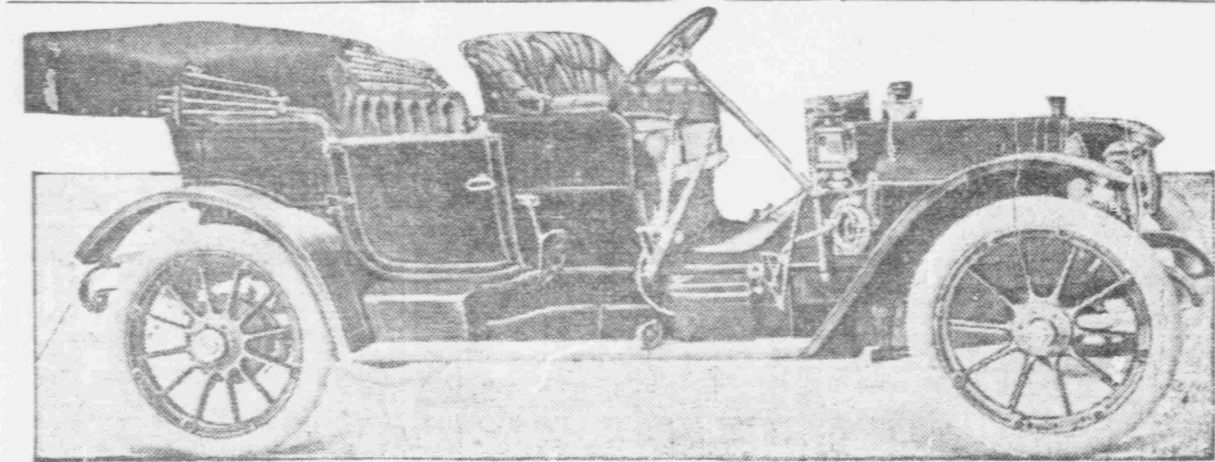
When Shakespeare, or some other scribbler, said

something about desiring to be surrounded by fat men, he must have had a vision of the auto show. With "Bar" Roll Johnson, "Chiff" Long, Lester Moore, and a few others on the job, there isn't much chance for the lean boys.

The bewildering array of cars got Fred Lincoln's goat last night. He wandered around among the different exhibits with a far-away look in his eyes and when the show finally closed he was still undecided what to make of it. He is now arranging to get a demonstration in every car exhibited.

Don't ask Manager Johnson to figure out the possible size of the after-dinner crowds for you. He's awfully busy, and, if you bother him for this information, he will answer in chaotic and carefully selected language. "Oh, g'wan."

## STEARNS CAR ATTRACTS ATTENTION



## AUTO SHOW PROVES WORTHY OF PRAISE

Opening in Convention Hall Justifies Enterprise of Association.

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ling exhibitors to make their signs uniform, and along both sides the cards are oblong, while those in the center are circular, bearing the names of the car and the firm.

All the decorations were under the direct charge of the show committee. The decorations of all booths are practically the same, so no dealer has any particular advantage.

### Surpasses All Others.

Not only in general attractiveness, but in the matter of variety of motor vehicles the show far exceeds anything of the sort ever attempted in the Capital. In all there are on exhibition 129 cars, exceeding in value \$200,000, and of these but one—a delivery wagon—is of the commercial variety. The collection includes representation of practically the more advanced types of pleasure cars, electric, gasoline, and steam, ranging in price from a small runabout listed at \$990 to the limousine cars, which are virtually moving palaces, and may be purchased for the paltry sum of \$7,500.

Then there are the accessories. From the modest wrench, which often proves the most welcome friend a motorist could possibly have, to the large brass lamps, with powerful reflectors, there is nothing lacking. As one enthusiast put it last night, "You can come here, plunk down several hundred for a car, go out, smash part of it up, then bring it back and have it all fixed up again."

### Air Craft Displayed.

An innovation this year is a display of air craft. In some respects this feature is one of the best of the whole show, being of especial interest to those who know little of machines. In the aeronautical exhibit are included six aeroplanes, two army balloons and a dozen models of gliders and kites which embody the ideas of aerial navigation as existing in the minds of different inventors.

There was no afternoon opening yesterday, but during the remainder of the week there will be afternoon and evening sessions with good-looking, smiling, but busy salesmen, ready to demonstrate to the casual visitor the superiority of their particular machines over those of their rivals.

With every assortment of machines, cars, and—well, what's the use—just go and see for yourself.

## CHINESE MARRIAGES IN PARENTS' HANDS

Cameron Johnson Lectures on Customs of Celestial Empire

### At St. John's Church.

They take long chances in the matrimonial game in China. There's no such thing as an affinity over there.

Not only that but when young people—or old people either, for that matter—are to be married, they are not allowed to look into each others' faces until the ceremony has been completed. The parents work out the matrimonial salvation if it chances to be salvation—and the principal actors have nothing to do with the case. That sort of thing has worked satisfactorily in China for thousands of years.

Cameron Johnson, of Washington, and an Oriental traveler, told all about this and other Chinese customs before a large crowd at St. John's Episcopal Church last night.

**Improved Dining and Parlor Car Service** on daylight train to Pittsburgh, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Commencing Tuesday, January 25th, a Pullman Parlor car will leave Union Station for Washington for Pittsburgh 9:30 a. m. on Train 55-15 arriving Pittsburgh 6:25 p. m., serving breakfast, luncheon, and supper, the popular daylight train through the picturesque mountain districts of Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania—Advt.

## WOODS ELECTRIC AMONG PIONEERS

First Electric Family Conveyance Built Sixteen Years Ago.

The claim is made for the Woods electric, which is handled in this city by the Wilson Company, that it is the pioneer of electric vehicles. Sixteen years ago the Woods designer built what is claimed to be the first electrically driven family conveyance in the world. Woods electric cars are constructed with patented platform springs specially devised to take up the shock and jolt of uneven roads, and are equipped with forty-cell Excide batteries.

During show week the Wilson Company will have the services of a number of experts from the Woods factory in Chicago to demonstrate the several models that will be exhibited.

**CHANGES ARE MADE IN CHASSIS MODEL**

Wheelbase of Pullman Car Lengthened and Power of Motor Increased.

Among the three chassis models of Pullman cars, which are handled in Washington by Barnes & Hendrick, is the model K 30-horsepower touring car. In this car several changes have been made. The wheelbase has been increased five inches making it 112 inches long. This permits of a roomier tonneau, adds to the easy-riding qualities, and gives better lines to the car.

The power of the motor has been increased by lengthening the stroke to 4.34 inches and by enlarging the valves. The drop-frame construction has been adopted, permitting a lower center of gravity and producing a more racy effect.

Other models include a 4-40 roadster, model M, seven-passenger touring car, and Model O 28-horsepower, fitted with either toy tonneau or roadster body.

## You Haven't Seen the Entire Show Until You've Visited THE ROMAN AUTOMOBILE COMPANY, 1315 H Street N. W.

We are exhibiting the finest assortment of slightly used cars ever shown south of Philadelphia. Have just received three carloads of autos from Philadelphia for our show. This is the chance of your life; most every make; runabouts, roadsters, and touring cars. Remember, these are all specially selected cars. Every car guaranteed in perfect order. Call and get one of our favorites.

### Great Sacrificing This Week.

1910 Ford Runabout, with removable seat; run less than 4 weeks; cost \$1,650; owner will sacrifice to quick buyer. A bargain. 1908 Ford Taxicab, A1 shape. A bargain. 1908 White Steamer Touring car; top, glass front, 4 extra inner tubes, 600 extra miles. To a quick buyer for \$275. 1908 Vauxhall Electric, in perfect order. Only \$300. 1908 Stoddard Dayton Roadster, fully equipped. \$450. 1908 Elmore Touring car, fully equipped. \$500. 1908 Pope Toledo Touring car, all equipped. A bargain at \$300. 1908 4-cyl. Wayne Touring car; top, glass front, and full equipment; plenty of power. \$350. 1908 Mitchell Runabout; 4-cyl., oil and gas lamps, etc. \$250. Olds Roadster, rumble seat, perfect condition; very speedy; equipped. \$300. Buick Roadster, Model "S," fine shape; fully equipped. \$350. Reo Touring car, full equipment; just the car for a beginner; plenty of power and easy to handle. \$425. Write for any make car you want.

### Big Reductions in Sundries. A Few of Our Specials.

Rand's Automatic Wind shields; regularly \$3.50, our price, \$2.00. Motor's Split-Pipe Spark Plugs, standard size, regularly \$1.50; our price, 75c. 7-8 and metric sizes, regularly \$2.00, at 85c. Rajah, all sizes, regularly, \$2.00, at 85c. Good air pumps, regularly \$2.00, at \$1.00 while they last. Many other bargains too numerous to mention. New and second-hand tires and tubes cheap at all times. SPECIAL WHILE THEY LAST. Single tire holders, three pieces, \$1.25 set; double tire holders, \$1.75 set. Coat rails, \$1.00 set.

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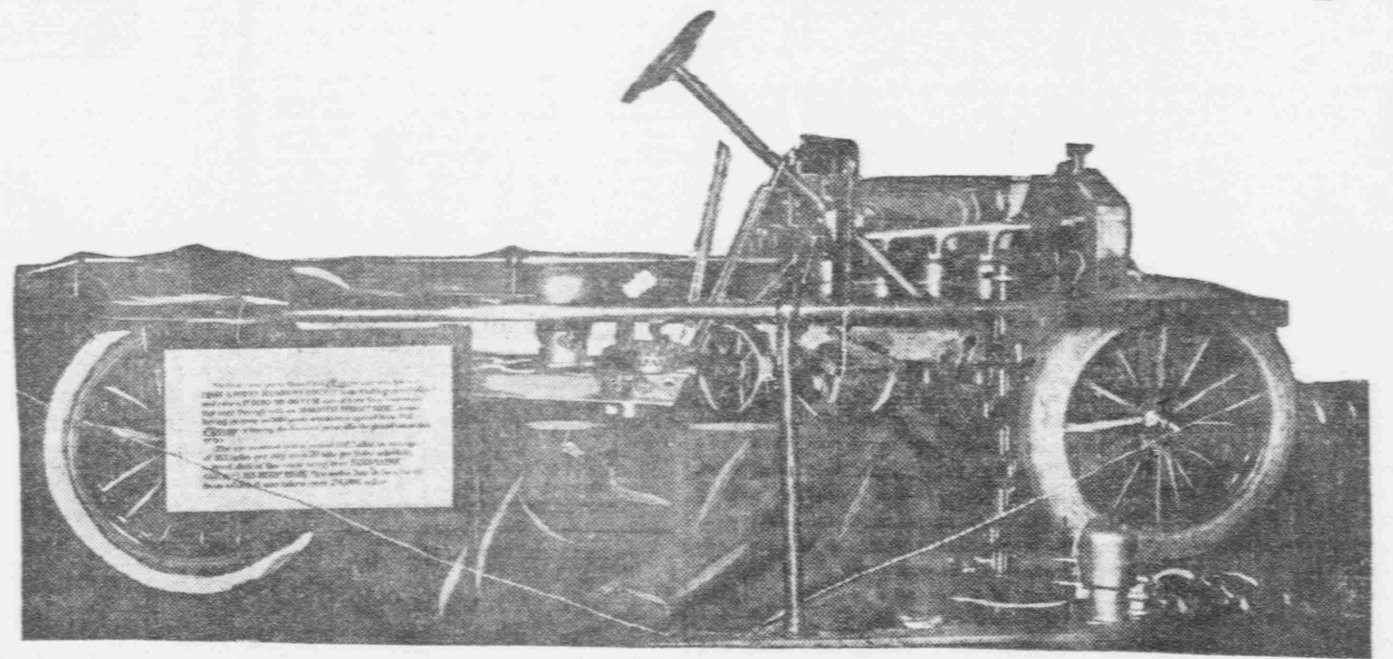
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**AT THE SHOW**  
**The PALMER-SINGER**  
*"6-60 Torpedo"*  
**The REO**  
4-Cylinder Touring Car  
See Them at the Show  
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829 Fourteenth Street N. W.

## A MECHANICAL TRIUMPH

# This "ELMORE" Motor

Has Completed 24,000 Miles Already  
And Today Is as Good as New



When the Elmore won the Frank A. Munsey Reliability Run last fall—an ordinary stock car which had already seen two years' hard service—the whole motoring world felt compelled, figuratively, to take its hat off to Elmore efficiency. This self-same car has now added 4,000 more miles to its previous record, making a total of 24,000 miles in all covered by this 1908 model Elmore. And the remarkable part of it is that the motor which drove the car is today in just as good condition as when it left the factory.

This famous Elmore motor is now

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where you can examine it yourself, and knowing the remarkable record it has achieved appreciate the perfect condition it is in.

This incomparable efficiency of the Elmore motor is typical of Elmore construction throughout. Every car that leaves the Elmore factory is just as capable of 24,000 miles of service as the car that won The Munsey Reliability Run.

### SPECIFICATION IN BRIEF.

36 h. p. 5 passenger Elmore. Price, \$1,750. Engine, 4 two-cycle vertical cylinders, 4 1/2 x 4 inches, cast separately, water cooled; ignition, jump spark, with dry battery and spark generator; drive, shaft, with selective sliding-gear transmission, 3 speeds; radiator, vertical tube; tires, 34 x 4 inches all around; brakes, contracting and expanding on both rear wheels; wheel-base, 110 inches; gauge, 56 inches.

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